

Office of Research and Development

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ORD's Mission

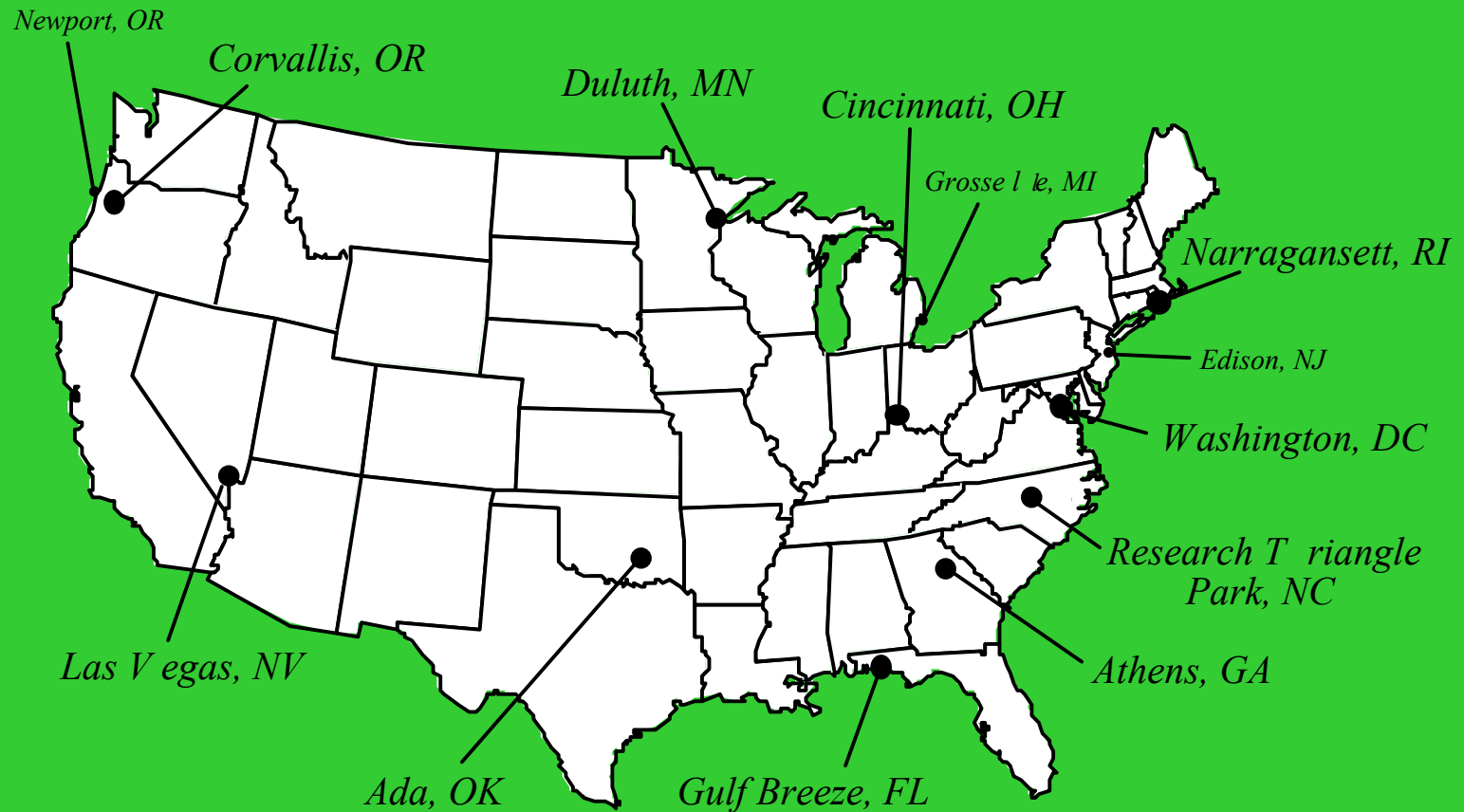
- Provide the scientific foundation to support EPA's mission by:
 - Conducting *research and development* to identify, understand, and solve current and future environmental problems
 - Providing *responsive technical support* to EPA's Programs and Regions
 - *Collaborating with our scientific partners* in academia and other agencies, state and tribal governments, private sector organizations, and nations
 - *Exercising leadership* in addressing emerging environmental issues and advancing the science and technology of risk assessment and risk management

ORD'S Goals

- Support the Agency's Mission
- Be a High Performing Organization
- Be a leader in the Environmental Research Community
- Integrate Environmental Science and Technology to Solve Environmental Problems
- Anticipate Future Environmental Issues

ORD Locations

3 National Laboratories
2 National Centers
2 Offices
13 Locations



Lab and Center Missions

- National Exposure Research Laboratory (NERL) – Conducts research and development that leads to improved methods, measurements and models to assess and predict exposures of humans and ecosystems to harmful pollutants and other conditions in air, water, soil, and food.
- National Center for Environmental Assessment (NCEA) – Conducts risk assessments, carries out research to improve the state-of-the-science or risk assessment, and provides guidance and support to risk assessors.
- National Risk Management Research Laboratory (NRMRL) – Conducts research into ways to prevent and reduce pollution risks that threaten human health and the environment. NRMRL investigates methods to prevent and control pollution to air, land, and water, and to restore ecosystems.

Lab and Center Missions

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- National Health and Environmental Effects Laboratory (NHEERL)
 - Conducts research on the effects of contaminants and environmental stressors on human health and the environment.
- National Center for Environmental Research (NCER) – Manages an extramural research program (grants, fellowships, and national centers of excellence) known as Science to Achieve Results (STAR) to complement ORD's internal research program and expand EPA's Science and Technology base.